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**FERRULE FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTOR AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME**

the specification of which:

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